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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR. § 1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002 (Paper No. 8) (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

This Amendment is believed timely filed on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, the first business day following Monday, January 20, 2003 (which was a holiday) with a petition for a one month extension of time. Notwithstanding, should this Paper not be considered timely filed, Applicant hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Changes to the specification are reflected in Appendix B: Replacement or insertion paragraphs (clean copy).

Please insert the paragraphs and enter the change associated with page 62 of the specification identified in the Appendix B.

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